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UKRAINIAN WOMEN GRADUATES  
UNIVERSITY of MANITOBA



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# ALPHA OMEGA WOMEN'S ALUMNAE



*The First Ukrainian Women Graduates  
from the University of Manitoba  
Prior to 1940*



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## Foreword

In commemoration of Winnipeg's Centennial, 1974, the Alpha Omega Women's Alumnae has published this booklet honoring the first Ukrainian women who graduated from the University of Manitoba prior to 1940.

As these women are our forerunners in attaining University degrees, we feel that they deserve special recognition and praise. Before 1940, women were not usually encouraged to go on and receive a higher education. People felt that their place was in the home, not in the professions or businesses. We give credit to their parents who had the foresight to realize that a University education was important for their daughters and often made personal sacrifices to see that they obtained their degrees. Today, they may be very proud of their Ukrainian daughters. As we look through the pages in this booklet, we see that the accomplishments of these women are many and varied. We have graduates in medicine, law, pharmacy, education, home economics, arts, science, and social work. Without doubt, they have improved the lives of the communities in which they live. Future women graduates will benefit from the knowledge and example of the lives of these women and other women who have graduated after them.

We pay special tribute to these first Ukrainian women University graduates for inspiring women students on to higher education and training and for their contributions to the Ukrainian community. They have been, and will continue to be, leaders in their communities.

As chairman of this Centennial project, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to every member of the Alpha Omega Women's Alumnae, for without their efforts, it would not have been possible to publish this booklet. I especially would like to thank my working committee: Irene Humeny, Leona Burdeniuk, June Dutka, Halia Charney, Nadia Negrich, Olga Uhryniuk, Evelyn Melnyk, and Sylvia Uzwyszyn.

DARCIA RATUSKI,  
Chairman, Winnipeg Centennial Project, 1974.

## THE ALPHA OMEGA WOMEN'S ALUMNAE

The Alpha Omega Women's Alumnae was organized in February, 1958. Membership consists of university graduates who desire to promote and foster Ukrainian culture within the Ukrainian and English speaking communities.

The Alpha Omega Women's Alumnae holds monthly general meetings featuring guest speakers as well as sponsoring annual projects open to the public. During the past 16 years of organization the Alumnae has sponsored numerous art shows which have provided professional and amateur Ukrainian artists an opportunity to exhibit their works in Winnipeg.

- 1960 LEO MOL
- 1961 PETER KUCH
- 1962 ALEXANDER ARCHIPENKO
- 1963 BARRY BURDENNY  
HELEN KOHUSKA GOMEZ-PERALES  
ROMAN KOWAL  
PETER KUCH  
LEO MOL  
STEVE REPA  
DARIA ZELSKA-DAREWICH
- 1964 EVELYN MELNYK  
LYDIA OBROTZA  
PETER PISMENNY  
ALEXANDRA ROGOWSKI
- 1965 NADIA BILESTSKA  
WALTER KUSHNIRYK
- 1967 WILLIAM KURELEK
- 1968 ROMAN KOWAL
- 1969 Art works by the students of the School of Art,  
University of Manitoba  
KEN CHERNAVICH  
STEPHAN CZERNICKI  
LAWRENCE DEMEDASH  
OREST MONCHAK  
MARIKA ONUFRIJCHUK  
ORESIA PAPISH  
GARRY SOBOVITCH  
JIM YURKOWSKI
- 1972 CHRYSTYNA KUDRYK  
HALYNA NOVAKIWSKA  
MARIA STYRANKA

In 1962, the Alpha Omega Women's Alumnae in conjunction with the Winnipeg Art Gallery purchased the world famous sculpture "The Boxers" by Archipenko which now is part of the permanent collection of the Winnipeg Art Gallery. In 1967, the Alumnae purchased a chair for the new Centennial Concert Hall. In the same year, the membership presented "Pool of Sorrow" by artist William Kurelek to the Winnipeg Art Gallery's permanent collection. In 1970 the Alpha Omega Women's Alumnae sponsored a Manitoba Centennial Art Competition which was open to professional and amateur artists in Manitoba. Awards were presented to the three artists E. Perron, Steve Repa and Peter Kuch whose works best depicted the theme, "Ukrainian Canadian Life in Manitoba."

In the field of music, we have sponsored:

- 1964—WIRLANA KYSLEWSKY - pianist
- OKSANA ONUFRIJCHUK - vocalist
- MICHAEL WOROBEK - pianist
- 1965—NADIA MARCH - pianist
- 1967—MARILYN SLIPETZ - violinist
- 1968—ELIZABETH HONEYBUN - vocalist
- TANIA WOROBEK - pianist
- 1970—IRENEUS ZUK -- pianist
- 1971—JOANNE SWYSTUN - pianist

In addition to the promotion of the arts, the Alpha Omega has sponsored receptions for the Citizenship Court for new Canadian citizens and has helped Ukrainian students on campus in various projects. Annually the Alpha Omega Women's Alumnae presents a bursary to provide assistance to a Manitoba grade XII female student of Ukrainian descent upon entering university. Funds for this bursary are obtained through fund raising projects such as teas, displays and film presentations. This year, 1974, as a Winnipeg Centennial Project, the Alpha Omega Women's Alumnae is pleased to publish this booklet honouring Ukrainian women who graduated from the University of Manitoba prior to 1940. A "Centennial Anniversary Ball" is also being held in their honor on February 16th, at the Holiday Inn, Winnipeg.

It is the intent of the Alpha Omega Women's Alumnae to continue in its endeavours to promote Ukrainian culture within the Ukrainian and English-speaking communities.

IRENE HUMENY,  
President.

## Українська сага в Манітобі

На підставі різних історичних джерел і матеріалів тепер уже напевно знаємо, що українці почали поселяватись на просторих степах Канади ще задовго перед цим століттям.

Кожна така українська родина — батьки і діти — починала своє життя в новій країні. Спершу будували якусь малу хатину, потім примітивним знаряддям корчували ліс, очищували землю з каміння, щоб виробити хоч малий кусник поля та засіяти його золотим зерном пшениці привезеної з рідного краю. Треба ж було забезпечити своє і своїх дітей життя.

Гірке те життя було перших наших поселенців — піонерів у Канаді. Вони працювали важко від сходу до заходу сонця та переносили всякі інші труднощі і невгоди: сусіди далеко, а навіть як з ними деколи доводилось зустрічатись, то не знаючи англійської мови, не було приязної розмови, ані того щирого відношення, до якого вони звикли в рідному селі. Літні пори були переважно сухі і гарячі, зими довгі і жорстокі; комунікації з зовнішнім світом зовсім не було, бож не було тоді ані телефонів, ані радія чи телевізії, не було й жадної музичної чи драматичної розваги. Словом, життя в тих перших роках було дуже важке. Наші люди почувалися чужинцями між чужинцями. А часто чужинці дивились ще й з погородою на них мовляв, „Чого ви сюди приїхали?“ І так було довгі роки.

Але наші піонери, хоч часто були розчаровані і знеохочені, терпіли голод, холод і недостатки, не піддавались. Чому? Тому, що вони були глибоко релігійні — вони вірили у краще завтра та в кращу будучність, яку вони сподівалися збудувати для себе і своїх дітей на новій землі. І тому вони далі змагались з усякими злиднями та невгодами.

І дійсно завдяки їх наполегливій праці доля ставала для них ласкавішою. Умовини життя почали змінюватись на краще! Оброблені ними поля давали вже гарні приходи. Діти пішли до школи. Спершу до „Літел Рид Скул Гавз“, до якої часто треба було пішки ходити одну до п'ять або й більше миль, а згодом і до вищих шкіл. Батьки ходили до вечірніх шкіл і там навчались говорити, читати і писати по-англійськи.,



Незадовго будували свої церкви, а при них залі. Там почали брати участь у церковному і громадському житті та взагалі більше цікавитись різними суспільними справами. На їх домагання уряд Манітоби погодився створити Учительську Колегію, спершу у Вінніпегу, пізніше перенесену до Брендону, з якої вийшло багато здібних учителів. Це були головню українські студенти, що вирости в Канаді, а деякі з них, що приїхали з краю і вже мали гімназійні студії.

І саме вони, закінчивши навчання в Учительському Каледжі в Брендоні, топтали перші українські стежки в канадському житті. Та були перші українські вчителі в провінції. За ними пішли інші. І вже 1919 року прийнято першу кваліфіковану українку на учительську посаду у Вінніпегу. Нею була Марія Корецька — тепер уже на емеритурі.

І це вже був наш здобуток.

Після кільканадцяти років українські вчителі відіграли насправді велику роль в шкільному, соціальному і політичному житті своїх шкільних округ.

Відтоді, заохочені своїми батьками, щораз то більше українських дітей ішли до шкіл і ставали добрими українськими вчителями. А з часом, зрозумівши значення освіти, переїздили до Вінніпегу, деякі навіть з сусідніх провінцій, і записувалися до Манітобського університету на високі студії в різних професіях.

Не легко приходило це все студентам. Оплата університетських студій і помешкання були високі, а їхні матеріальні спроможності малі. А тоді не було жадних стипендій, ані державних грантів. Щось такого не можна було собі тоді навіть уявити. Але наші завзяті студенти пробивалися крізь недостатки життя. Під час вакацій важко працювали фізично на удержання в школі і так переважно власними силами закінчували освіту.

А закінчивши, навколішки дякували Богові за допомогу. З якою ж радістю вітали їх батьки, а то й ціла громада під час Градуаційних днів, коли вони вже здобули академічний ступень у своїй професії.

Згадуючи це все, бачимо які то насправді були великі зусилля нашої молоді, а то й розчарування опісля, бо не легко було тоді дістати працю після закінчення студій.



Але з часом усе змінилось на краще, всі труднощі переможено. Наша освічена молодь своїми здібностями показала, що вона не гірша від іншої, а в багатьох випадках проявила себе багато кращою і вкінці її признано на рівні з іншими в усіх галузях і відтинках професійного життя. Це був великий крок уперед.

В продовж останніх 50 років маємо уже тисячі українських градуантів, а між ними багато, багато жінок, у різних професіях громадського і політичного життя: лікарі, адвокати, дентисти, професори, директори шкіл, інспектори, мейори, радні міста, посли і міністри провінційних і федеральних урядів, судді, сенатори, і т. д., і то не тільки в Манітобі, але й у цілій Канаді і в З'єднаних Стейтах Америки та й у цілому вільному світі.

З нагоди 100-ліття міста Вінніпегу, товариство українських градуанток „Альфа і Омега” у своєму проєкті з цієї особливої нагоди рішило вшанувати піонерок-градуанток Манітобського університету до 1940 року. На мою думку це буде тим самим і пошана нашим першим піонерам, а далі і першим українським учителям і тим всім, що йшли за їх прикладом.

Без сумніву наші батьки-піонери були б надзвичайно раді і горді, якщо б побачили, що їх важка праця, завзятість, витривалість і глибока віра в Бога та в краще майбутнє не були даремними, а увінчалися блискучими успіхами.

І тому нам треба тримати зв'язок з минулим та далі гордо нести смолоскип, запалений нашими піонерськими батьками і матерями. А теперішнє молоде покоління повинно жити в повній гармонії і комунікації зі старшими, шукаючи поради і помочі одні в одних для взаємної користі.

А вже понад все, треба затримувати в наших родинах і наших громадах українську мову, традиції, культуру і те все, що наші батьки з такою любов'ю і прив'язанням до свого принесли зі собою зі „старого краю”, з України, майже сто років тому, коли поселялися на преріях тоді чужої, а тепер нам усім такої рідної і дорогої вільної країни — Канади!

Галя Гаврилюк-Чарний

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MARY DYMA was born in the Ukraine, the daughter of the late John and Josephine Sawczak.

She was the first Ukrainian woman to graduate with a B.A., in 1923, from the Faculty of Arts at the University of Manitoba.

After graduation, she taught school. She was the organizer and president of many Ukrainian Women's organizations, namely, the Ukrainian Canadian Women's Committee, Ukrainian Catholic Women's League and Ukrainian Handicraft Guild. The I.O.D.E. named a Chapter in her honor, the Mary Dyma Chapter, I.O.D.E. (1950-1965), in recognition of her many contributions to the community. She was elected the first Regent of the Chapter. She was a member of the Winnipeg Public School Board and its acting president.

Mary Dyma's main purpose in joining Canadian organizations such as the I.O.D.E. and the University Women's Club, was to promote Ukrainian culture amongst the Canadian people so that they would become acquainted with Ukrainian customs, their traditions, ethnic dishes, handicrafts and music.

Mary was married to the late Dr. B. Dyma and has two sons, Bernard and Donald.

Her philosophy in life is that the only way to achieve happiness is to bring happiness to others.



MARIE McINTYRE (1900-1938) was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba, the daughter of the late Frances and John Negrych.

She was the first Ukrainian woman to receive a Diploma in Pharmacy, in 1923, from the Faculty of Pharmacy at the University of Manitoba.

Following graduation, she worked as a pharmacist at Bernard Saffrim for two years. Later, she worked as a pharmacist at Ideal Drug Store until 1937.

She was the first secretary of the Manitoba Pharmacists' Women's Auxiliary.

Marie was married to the late Donald M. McIntyre.



LEONA EMILIA SENICKI (1907-1964) was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba, the daughter of Marcela Taciuk and the late Fred Taciuk. She received her B.A. in 1926 from the Faculty of Arts at the University of Manitoba, and her Teacher's Certificate in 1927.

Mrs. Senicki taught school in Ethelbert, Manitoba, for one year following graduation. Later, she taught at Lord Nelson School in Winnipeg, Manitoba, for eight years.

She was very active in cultural, academic and church groups. She was one of the organizers of the Young Women's League and was its president. She translated a few books from the Ukrainian language into English, and wrote many articles for women's magazines and periodicals. She belonged to the Catholic Women's League, Manitoba Teacher's Association, and Alpha Omega Women's Alumnae.

Leona was married to Walter Senicki. There are two sons, Dr. Eugene Melvin Senicki and Walter Andrew Senicki.



MARY HUMEN was born in Pleasant Home, Manitoba, the daughter of the late Michael and Waselyna Onofreyo. She received her B.A. in 1927 from the Faculty of Arts at the University of Manitoba. She graduated from Teacher's College, Winnipeg, Manitoba, in 1928.

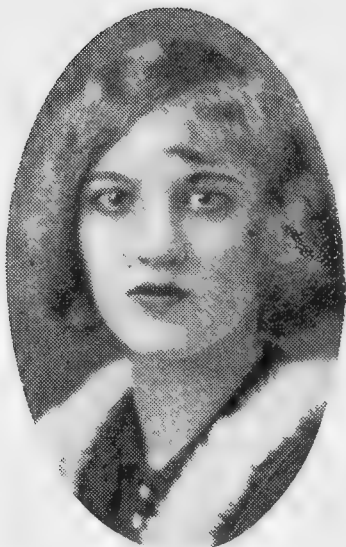
After graduation, Mrs. Humen taught school from Grades 6 to 12 in small towns in Alberta such as Hilliard, Smoky Lake and Andrew for thirteen years.

She took an active part in community life and conducted choirs, taught instrumental music such as violin, mandolin, and guitar, winning several trophies in school music festivals held at Hilliard and Smoky Lake. She organized women's organizations at Hilliard and Smoky Lake.

At present she is a member of the St. Vladimir Ukrainian Greek Orthodox Church in Toronto, Ontario, and a member of its Ladies' Auxiliary.

Marie was married to the late Joe Humen (Humeniuk) and has one son, Laurie.

Mrs. Humen believes that it is up to all of the Ukrainian teachers to take an active part in all of our cultural activities and to try to instill love of our great culture with its music, and see to it that our children become good Ukrainians.



**WANDA LILLE McINTYRE** was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba, the daughter of the late John and Frances Negrych. She graduated with a B.A. in 1928 from the Faculty of Arts at the University of Manitoba.

After graduation, Mrs. McIntyre taught school. She has been very active in church work and Parent Teacher Associations in Santa Barbara, California.

Wanda was married to the late Donald M. McIntyre and has four children, Donald, Jean, Bruce and Melissa.



**ANNA DORIS JAREMA** was born in Foley, Manitoba, the daughter of the late Paul and Doris Lutack. She received her B.A. (Honours) in 1929 from the Faculty of Arts and her Diploma in Social Sciences in 1932 from the School of Social Work, both from the University of Manitoba.

Mrs. Jarema has been a social worker with: Manitoba Government - Department of Health and Welfare; Canadian Army Medical Corps. (psychiatric social worker); United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Program - she worked with displaced persons in Germany and Austria, following the Second

World War; Family Service Bureau in Saskatoon and Edmonton as a family counsellor; Kiwanis Club of Edmonton in the Child Welfare Program; Government of Alberta - Department of Health and Social Development in the Child Welfare Program; University of Alberta Hospital, Edmonton, Alberta, as a medical social worker.

She was very active in the Ukrainian Students' Club in Winnipeg during her undergraduate years, and later with the Ukrainian Young Women's League.

Anna was married to the late Dr. Ivan Jarema. She has one son, Dr. Andrew Jarema. At present, she is retired and resides in Edmonton, Alberta.

Her philosophy in life has been that whatever you have to do - do it with a smile. It helps you and others around you to whom you can give help and comfort in times of distress and need.



SALOMEA TRETIAK was born in Broad Valley, Manitoba, the daughter of the late Daniel and Theodozia Tretiak. She obtained her B.A. in 1929 from the Faculty of Arts at the University of Manitoba and her M.A. in 1955 from the Faculty of Nursing at Teachers' College, Columbia University, New York.

Miss Tretiak has worked in Nursing Service and Nursing Education from 1932 to 1972. Her positions have ranged from staff nurse to nursing instructor with administrative experience in both of the above fields. She taught in the Faculty of Nursing at the University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta, from 1961 to 1968. For seven years, she nursed in northern B.C. with the United Church and the Dept. of Indian Affairs; for four years with the World Health Organization in South East Asia; and another four years in an exciting

nursing program at Red Deer College, Red Deer, Alberta.

Salomea Tretiak has been active in Provincial Nursing Associations throughout her career. She is a member of the United Church of Canada, a "former" Altrusan, and at "present" a Pensioner Concerned. She now resides in Victoria, B.C.

Salomea believes that life can be an exciting adventure if you make it so. She would like to pay tribute to our parents and grandparents "who had the vision and the courage to pioneer a new life for themselves and their children. They sacrificed much and suffered many hardships to give their children an education."



HALIA B. CHARNEY was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba, the daughter of the late Michael and Maria Hawryluk. She received her B.Sc. in 1930 from the Faculty of Science and her B.Ed. in 1966 from the Faculty of Education, both at the University of Manitoba.

Mrs. Charney taught at East Kildonan Collegiate and St. John's High School for many years. She is a member of the following organizations: University Women's Club in Winnipeg and the Canadian Federation; Business and Professional Women's Club of Winnipeg; Manitoba Modern Languages Association; Canada Press Club; Citizenship Council of Manitoba; St. Vladimir and Olga Cathedral and the Sisterhood League; Ukrainian Young Women's League (27 years); Holy Family Home Ladies' Auxiliary; and Alpha Omega Women's Alumnae. She contributed monthly articles to the "Canadian Ukrainian Review" in the 1940's and to the "Women's World" for eighteen years - from 1954 to 1972. She has now taken an early retirement.

Halia is married to Dr. Dmetrius Joseph Charney, an optometrist. Her message is: "We should always pay tri-



bute to our hardy pioneer parents who through their courage, hopes, religion, close family ties, and faith in education, helped prepare their children find a better way of life in our ever-changing world. Let us proudly carry on their beliefs and traditions."



NATALIE MOREY was born in a military camp in "Old Russia" near Zambroff, the daughter of the late Volodimir and Wanda Sikevich. She received her B.Sc. in 1930 from the Faculty of Arts and Science at the University of Manitoba; (Certificate) valable pour le diplome in 1931 from Civilisation Universite de Francaise (Sorbonne), Paris, France; and B.Sc. (Pharm.) in 1947 from the College of Pharmacy, Toronto, Ontario.

Mrs. Morey was a pharmacist at Starkman Chemists Ltd., Toronto, Ontario, after graduation, and later at Shoppers Drug Mart, Toronto, Ontario. She is a demonstrator in the Dispensing Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Toronto, and a committee member of the Pharmacy Alumni Executive.

In her profession as a pharmacist, Natalie Morey says: "When you're dispensing medicine you must remember that someone's life or health is involved." She enjoys her career because of "the people I meet in front of and behind the counter. It's a very friendly profession and pharmacists are stimulating people to know."

Natalie was married to the late John Louis Morey and has two children, Monica McCall who lives in Sarnia, Ontario, and Colette Rands who lives in New Zealand.



EUGENIE NEGRYCH was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba, the daughter of the late John and Frances Negrych. She graduated with a B.A. in 1930 from the Faculty of Arts at the University of Manitoba.

Miss Negrych worked in Personnel Research and Recorder at Hudson's Bay House for many years. She is active in two charitable organizations: the I.O.D.E. and the Holy Family Nursing Home, Arts and Crafts.



JENNIE MARY SOLOMON was born in Sifton, Manitoba, the daughter of the late Peter and Mary Ogryzlo. She received her B.A. in 1930 from the Faculty of Arts at the University of Manitoba.

After graduation, Mrs. Solomon taught at Happy Thought School, East Selkirk, Manitoba.

She is a member of the Ukrainian Women's Association (Lesia Ukrainka Branch) and a member of the Holy Trinity Ukrainian Greek Orthodox Cathedral.

Jennie is married to Judge J. R. Solomon and has three daughters, Patricia, Joan and Holly.



OLGA MARY CARPENTER, (1913-1972) was born in Ethelbert, Manitoba, the daughter of Dora Masciuch and the late John Virstiuk. She graduated with a B.S.A. in 1933 from the Faculty of Agriculture at the University of Manitoba.

Mrs. Carpenter taught Home Economics at Campbell River Collegiate, Campbell River, B.C. She was an officer with the women's' contingent of the Canadian Armed Forces during the Second World War.

Olga was married to Raymond Carpenter. There are three children, Mary, John and Joseph.



ALEXANDRA KORCHIK was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba, the daughter of the late Maria and James Krett. She received her B.A. in 1933 from the Faculty of Arts at the University of Manitoba. She also holds a Principal's Certificate and Kindergarten Teacher's Special Certificate.

Mrs. Korchik spent nine years teaching in rural Manitoba and two years in rural Alberta. During this time she took an active part in the communities in which she

taught. Some of the activities she took part in were: Taught "Рідна Школа"; young people's choir; church choir, produced concerts and plays with the young people in the community at which her father, the late James Krett, gave many worthwhile lectures; and secretary-treasurer on the school board in St. Norbert. She also taught kindergarten for 13 years in Winnipeg. For four years she was a statistician for the Federal Government, Dept. of Defense.

Alexandra is married to William Korchik and has one son, James. At present she is retired from teaching.

Mrs. Korchik's greatest satisfaction in life came from what she did to make others happy. Perhaps this was the result of being the eldest in a family of eight children. Her greatest reward is to see people close to her achieve their goals.



NATALIE McKEE was born in Broad Valley, Manitoba, the daughter of the late Daniel and Theodozia Tretiak. She received her B.Sc. (H.Ec.) in 1934 from the Faculty of Home Economics at the University of Manitoba.

Mrs. McKee taught in a One-Room Country School (Grades 1 to 8); substituted at Junior High and Senior High Schools in Winnipeg, Manitoba; and taught Home Economics at Cumberland and Courtenay, Vancouver Island, B.C. For a short period of time she was a dietitian at St. Joseph's Hospital in Winnipeg.

Natalie is married to Albert Keith McKee and has three children: Gordon Murray, Alexander William and Molly Nina. They reside in S. Burnaby, B.C.



MARY ANNIE WAWRYKOW was born in Wakaw, Saskatchewan, the daughter of the late Mykyta and Anna Zakus. She received her L.L.B. in 1934 from the Faculty of Law at the University of Manitoba. She was honored with a Q.C. in 1965, from the Province

of Manitoba.

Mrs. Wawrykow was the first Ukrainian woman to graduate in law in Canada. She received her Certificate to practice law in 1936 and was employed by the Attorney General's Department until her marriage in 1940. From 1940 - 1968, she had her own private practice and her guiding principle was: "A poor settlement is better than a good law suit". She served on the License Suspension Appeal Board for five years. In 1968, she was appointed part-time Family Court Judge and in February, 1971, full-time Family Court Judge.

Mary Wawrykow served as president of the Women Lawyers' Association of Manitoba. She has been active in the Ukrainian Catholic Women's League, having served as branch president, provincial president, member of the National Executive, and U.C.W.L. representative to the Ukrainian Canadian Women's Council of Canada. She served on the boards of the following community agencies: Manitoba Mental Health Association; Children's Aid Society; Age and Opportunity Centre; Greater Winnipeg Senior Citizens' Day Centre; City of Winnipeg Housing Authority (administering low rental housing); Manitoba Centennial Corporation re Canadian and Manitoba Centenaries; and St. Vladimir's College Regents. At present she is serving as a member of the Vanier Institute of the Family; Canadian Council of Christians and Jews; and the Holy Family Nursing Home Advisory Board.

She received a Centennial Medal in 1967 from the Federal Government of Canada, and the Shevchenko Medal in

1971 from the Canadian Ukrainian Committee at the Ukrainian World Congress.

Mary was married to the late Daniel George Wawrykow (deceased September 25, 1960). and has three children, Mari-  
anne M. Wawrykow, Dennis G. Wawrykow and Donna A. Spanu, all graduates of the University of Manitoba.

Her philosophy as a Family Court Judge is: "The family is still the basic unit of our society and should be treasured as such." She believes in the saying, "Не лапай Бога за руки" - Don't plan too far in advance.



JESSIE KOSTYRSKY (COSTER) was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba, the daughter of the late Hanislaw and Anna Balicki (Baliska). She obtained her Teacher's Certificate, her B.A. in 1935 from the Faculty of Arts at the University of Manitoba, and her B.S.W. in 1940 from the School of Social Work, McGill University, Montreal, Quebec.

After graduation, Mrs. Coster worked as a salesclerk. Later, she became a social worker in a Family Service Association (1940-1944). Since 1953, she has been in charge of the Department of Social Work at a hospital in Montreal, Quebec.

Her activities are mostly connected with her profession as a social worker. She is a member of St. Sophie's Cathedral in Montreal, Quebec, and a member of its Womens' Organization. For the past few years, she has been on an executive which is striving to have a Home built for the Aged.

Jessie is married to Maurice Kostyrsky (Coster) and has one son, Gregory.

Mrs. Coster would like to see older graduates, with their knowledge and experience give guidance to the youth of Ukrain-

ian descent in our universities. She feels that young students of today are much more mature and independent and can generally work towards gaining their goals and enjoying a satisfactory life, but a few "flounder" and with some guidance the end result might have been different. If involved, the older graduates, because of their memberships in various Ukrainian organizations, might be able to give support to the young students' programs. University students and young graduates would gain valuable experiences and would be more encouraged to remain and work in the Ukrainian community. Gradually, they may be able to assume responsibility in the existing Ukrainian organizations more readily - because they would have had the opportunity to prove their abilities. In this way, there would be some continuity.

Also, if all the universities in Canada were involved, contact could be established more easily with the out-of-town students.

JESSIE OSTAFF was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba, the daughter of Stephen Ostaff and the late Martha Ostaff. She received her B.A. in 1935 from the Faculty of Arts at Wesley College and her B.Ed. in 1936 from the Faculty of Education at the University of Manitoba.



She taught school for several years and her special interest was the teaching of languages.

Miss Ostaff has been involved in teaching children and young people crafts, Sunday School, Junior Red Cross, folk dancing and dramatics. In college, she belonged to the French club and drama club. She edited school and club newspapers and has translated articles from French into English and one book from Ukrainian into English. She is interested in the theatre, ballet, and the study of foreign languages.

Jessie believes that we should live each day to the best of our ability.





**OLGA VERA ATKINSON** was born in Dauphin, Manitoba, the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius S. Prodan. She received her B.Sc. in 1936 from the Faculty of Science at the University of Manitoba.

Mrs. Atkinson worked as a bank clerk at the Canadian Bank of Commerce, Winnipeg; seed analyst at the Canada Department of Agriculture, Winnipeg; secretary to the Publicity Director of the Canadian Wheat Pools, Winnipeg; agricultural scientist, Seed-borne Diseases, Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa, Ontario; and secretary with a Public Relations firm in St. Catherines, Ontario.

She has been involved in various activities while living in Winnipeg, Ottawa and St. Catherines. At present she is a member of the University Women's Club of Victoria, B.C., and is also a life member of the Alpha Delta Pi Sorority.

Olga is married to Robert G. Atkinson and has one daughter, Dena.



**SALOMEA (SALLY) HAWRISH** was born in Sheho, Saskatchewan, the daughter of William Uhryniuk and the late Maria Uhryniuk. She graduated in Pharmacy in 1936, from the Faculty of Pharmacy at the University of Manitoba.

After graduation, Mrs.

Hawrish worked as chief pharmacist at both Children's Hospital and St. Boniface Hospital in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Later, she was employed as a pharmacist at Brookings Drug Store in Winnipeg, Grace Hospital in Windsor, Ontario, and Copelands' Drugs, Windsor, Ontario.

Sally Hawrish was president of the Local Council of Women of Windsor from 1964 to 1966. She was named "Ukrainian of the Year" of Ontario and Michigan, U.S.A. in October, 1966, and was named "Outstanding Citizen of the Week" on November 26, 1966, by the Mayor of Windsor. She was given Life Memberships in the Windsor Local Council of Women (January 30, 1967) and the Provincial Council of Women of Ontario (March 24, 1971). She was conferred with a Centennial Medal on July 1, 1967, and was named in the biography of One Hundred Noteworthy Women of Windsor and Essex County (1867-1967).

Sally is married to Dr. Richard Hawrish and has two children, Richard and Mary-Beth.

Her guiding principles are:

1. Faith can move mountains.
2. Do not leave for tomorrow that which can be done today.



OLGA MARY KRETT was born in Edmonton, Alberta, the daughter of the late James N. and Maria Krett. She received her B.Sc. (H.Ec.) in 1936 from the Faculty of Home Economics at the University of Manitoba.

Miss Krett taught Home Economics with the Winnipeg School Division for 36 years. For the last 13 years she was teaching at Sisler High School. During the Second World War she was a Section Officer and worked as a Messing Officer with the Royal Canadian Air Force.

At present, Olga is enjoying an early retirement.



NADIA NEGRICH was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba, the daughter of Tatiana Skremetka and the late Michael Skremetka. She received a B.Sc. (H.Ec.) in 1937 from the Faculty of Home Economics, a B.Ed. in 1958 and a M.Ed. in 1972 from the Faculty of Education, all at the Univer-

sity of Manitoba.

Since graduation, Mrs. Negrich has been teaching Home Economics at various Winnipeg schools. At present, she is the Department Head of Home Economics at Elmwood High School. She has travelled extensively in parts of Europe, Asia, the Middle East, South America, and the South Seas.

Nadia Negrich has been associated with the Ukrainian National Home since early childhood, beginning with Ukrainian school, the adult choir and girl's club, until the advent of World War II, and has continued to this day as a member of the Lesia Ukrainka Women's Club. Her parents, active lifelong members of the Ukrainian National Home, nurtured in her a lasting interest in education, in all forms of Ukrainian culture, and in organizational activities. As a student, she was a member of the Ukrainian students' club "Прометей" and later the Ukrainian Teachers' Club. She acted on the Board of Directors of the Alpha Omega Credit Union Society and the Ukrainian Theatre. At present, besides her Home Economics associations and the University of Manitoba Alumnae, she is a member of the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral and an active member of the Alpha Omega Women's Alumnae since its inception.

Nadia is married to Michael Andrew Negrich.

Her philosophy in life may best be expressed by the quotation "to thine own self be true" which means to her the proud acceptance of being a Ukrainian and a Canadian, and maintaining an interest in continuing education.



OLGA SCHICK was born in Sifton, Manitoba, the daughter of the late Peter and Mary Ogryzlo. She graduated with a B.A. in 1938 from the Faculty of Arts at United College, and a B.Ed. in 1939 from the Faculty of Education at the University of Manitoba.

Mrs. Schick has been teaching school for 32 years - 6 years in rural Manitoba and 26 years in Winnipeg, Manitoba. At present, she is teaching at Sisler High School.

She respects and tolerates all religions. Her philosophy in life is: "Happiness is not getting what you like, but liking what you get."



HELEN KROL was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba, the daughter of Mary Tracz and the late John Tracz. She received her Diploma from the Faculty of Pharmacy at the University of Manitoba, in 1937 (with honors).

Mrs. Krol worked as chief pharmacist at the St. Boniface General Hospital for fourteen years; part-time pharmacist at the Winnipeg Children's Hospital; and chief pharmacist at the St. Vital Hospital.

She was very active in the days of her youth in the cultural activities at the Ukrainian National Home, Burrows Avenue, in Winnipeg. She was also active in the Manitoba Society of Hospital Pharmacists and a former member of the Canadian Society of Hospital Pharmacists. She is a member of the Manitoba Pharmaceutical Association, the Canadian Pharmaceutical Association, and was on the Alpha Omega Women's Alumnae executive before leaving for Quebec.

At present, she is employed as a hospital pharmacist at Lakeshore General Hospital, Pointe Claire, Quebec.

Helen is married to Joseph Krol and has one son, David John.

DR. LEONORA HAWRIKO YAREMOVICH was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba, the daughter of Anna Hawirko and the late John Hawirko. She obtained her M.D. and L.M.C.C. in 1937 from the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Manitoba.



Following graduation, Dr. Hawirko worked at the Ninette Sanatorium, Central Tuberculosis Clinic (Winnipeg) and the Baker Clinic in Edmonton, Alberta. Since 1946, she has specialized in Internal Medicine in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

She is a member of the Canadian Medical Association, Winnipeg Medical Association, Quota Club of Winnipeg since 1948, and Federation of Medical Women of Canada.

Leonora is married to A. J. Yaremovich and has one daughter, Patricia.



DR. STEPHANIE POTOSKI was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba, the daughter of the late Peter and Mary Petryk. She received a B.A. in 1938 from the Faculty of Arts, a B.Ed. in 1939 from the Faculty of Education, and a M.D. in 1946 from the Faculty of Medicine,

all at the University of Manitoba.

Dr. Potoski was a practising physician for 28 years and a science teacher for 4 years.

She speaks Ukrainian and English and has a working knowledge of Polish and Russian.

She has been a Yorkton Alderman, a member of the St. Joseph's College Board of Regents, the Lionelles, the I.O.D.E. and St. Joseph College Women's Auxiliary and the Union of Hospital Medical Staff. Also she is a former member of the Board of Directors of the C.B.C., the Canadian Medical Corps and at present is president of the Ukrainian Catholic Women's League of Canada. She was also its president from 1959 to 1962.

Stephanie Potoski has been President and Executive Member of the local federal and provincial Liberal Constituency respectively and Campaign Chairman in two elections.

She received the Church and Humanity Medal from Pope John 23rd, has been Honorary Citizen of Yorkton, international honorary member of Beta Sigma Phi and a Benefactor of the Brothers of the Christian Schools.

She is a member of the Canadian Consultative Council on Multiculturalism.

Stephanie is married to Dr. Peter Potoski with whom she has practiced in Yorkton, Saskatchewan since her marriage.



HELEN ROFF was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba, the daughter of Antonina Dowse (Dawosyr) and the late Alex Dowse. She graduated with a B.A. in 1938 from the Faculty of Arts at the University of Manitoba.

Mrs. Roff has worked as a seed technologist and as a statistician. At present, she is working as a biological technician at the United States Federal Government Agricultural Research Laboratory in Modesto, California.

She belongs to the Commercial Seed Analysts' Association, Mother Lode Mineral Society, and Eagles Bayview Association.

Helen is married to Richard Wallace Roff and has two children, Brenda Louise Hawkins and Natalie Halya Bydak.



LAURA FLORENCE IRWIN was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba, the daughter of the late Tekla and Dmytro Ozero. She obtained her B.Sc., (H.Ec.) in 1939 from the Faculty of Home Economics at the University of Manitoba.

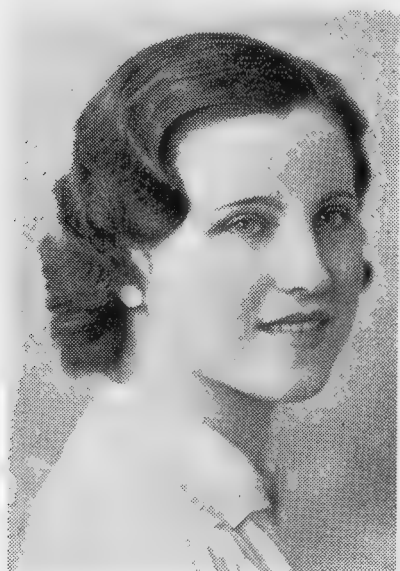
Mrs. Irwin has taught home economics at various Winnipeg schools and at present is a teacher-librarian at Elmwood High School.

She was a member of Knox United Church in Fort Frances, Ontario, where she taught Sunday School for over ten years. She is a member of the Windsor Park United



Church; Beta Sigma Phi Sorority for over 30 years; Order of Royal Purple; and Alpha Omega Women's Alumnae.

Laura is married to Larry Irwin and has four children, Donna-Joy Halliday, Ronald Wayne Irwin, Darlene Jane Irwin and Lauren Dorothy Irwin.



ANNE ELIZABETH QUACKENBUSH was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba, the daughter of Jessie Metzack and the late John Metzack. She received her B.A. in January, 1940, from the Faculty of Arts at the University of Manitoba, and has done post-graduate work at Columbia, N.Y.; University of British Col-

umbia, Vancouver, B.C.; and U.C.L.A., Los Angeles, California.

Mrs. Quackenbush has taught school at all levels - from Grades 1 to 12. She did concerts for Radio C.B.C. for ten years. She taught violin and piano, served as concert master of Orange County Symphony for four years, and played in Burbank, Pasadena and Santa Monica Symphonies.

Anne Quackenbush has played the church organ, sang in the choir, done solo work all her life, especially the last twenty-five years. She was treasurer and secretary of the Secretary Teachers' Music Association, Winnipeg; Judge (1966) for Disneyland Community Awards; panel member of Orange County Grand Jury, 1962; Judge for Bank of America High School Awards; President El Camino Real Women's Club for two years; President South Coast Garden Club for two years; state chairman California Garden Clubs; and member of Capistrano Symphony Guild and Dana Pt. Yacht Club.

Anne was married to the late Ralph Weybright Quackenbush. At present, she has retired from teaching school and is living in Dana Point, California.

Her guiding principle is the Golden Rule - Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

VERA LYSENKO (LESIK) was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba, the daughter of the late Andrew and Anna Lysenko. She graduated with a B.A. (Hons.) in 1930 from the Faculty of Arts at the University of Manitoba.

She is the author of three books: "Men in Sheepskin Coats" (1947), "Yellow Boots" (1954) and "Westerly Wild" (1956).

We regret that we were unable to locate Miss Lysenko for additional information.



To the best of our knowledge, these are the first Ukrainian women graduates from the University of Manitoba, prior to 1940. Although we have done considerable research, there may be some graduates we have missed. To those graduates, we offer our sincere apologies.

We would also like to thank the first Ukrainian women graduates for their co-operation in compiling this booklet.

Darcia Ratuski,

Chairman, Winnipeg Centennial  
Project, 1974.

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**ALPHA OMEGA WOMEN'S ALUMNAE AT MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON — September 23rd, 1973.**

**FRONT ROW:** Sitting on floor—L to R: Shirley Lisowski, Orysia Lashyn, Jean Dutka, Doreen Romanyk, Angela Kaprowy, Joanne Lewandowsky, Stella Hryniuk, Nadia Bosak, Maxine Chubaty, Nicola Panchysak, Orysia Seredny, Ann Chaykowski, Dorothy Cherewick, Carolyn Chick, Cindy Zalitch, Pat Lewak, Lesia Seredny. **SECOND ROW:** Sitting on Chairs—Motria Kydon, Daphne Odjig (guest speaker), Leona Burdeniuk, Luba Fedorkiw, Pat Pyra, Sylvia Uzwyshyn, Irene Humeny, Mary Nazarewich, Nadia Negrich, Olga Uhryniuk, Salomea Hawrish (guest from Windsor, Ont.), Mary Beck (guest from Detroit, Mich.). **KNEELING AT RIGHT SIDE:** Titiana Hawaleshka, Nadia Palamartchuk, Oksana Shulakewych, Donna Wiwchar. **BACK ROW:** Standing—Helen Leswick, Marusia Klymkiw, Irene Ewanchuk, Leona Radchuk, Shirley Meszeros, Betty Shelton, Darcia Ratuski, Evelyn Melnyk, Halia Charney, Marianne Wawrykow, Luba Harasym, Irene Romaniw, Willy Slipetz, Marie Doyle, June Dutka, Marusia Foster, Nellie Patson, Victoria Olchowecki, Anne Neufeld, Rose Miedzybrocki, Maria Halkewycz, Olga Lewicki, Bonnie Gerus, Mary Wawrykow, Zorianna Hyworon, Lucy Kozak, Margaret Hrushovetz.

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